

*You may qualify  
for a **FREE**  
colorectal  
cancer  
screening  
exam if  
you  
are:*



- A Frederick County resident
- 50 – 64 years old
- Uninsured or underinsured
- Of limited to moderate income
- Younger than 50, but with a personal or family history of colorectal cancer

Subject to the availability of funds, we provide screening, diagnostic tests, and linkage to treatment to residents who meet eligibility requirements.

For more information, and to enroll, please contact the:

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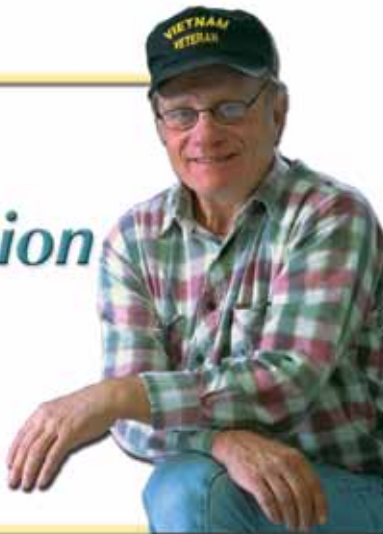
# Screening Saves Lives!

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States. The good news is that—through testing, or screening—you can detect colorectal cancer in its early stages when treatment is most effective. In fact, screening can help you prevent colorectal cancer altogether.



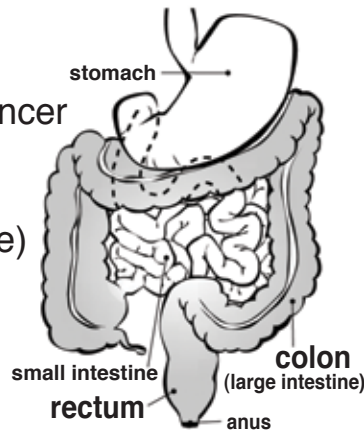
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## What is Colorectal Cancer?

Colorectal Cancer is cancer of the colon (large intestine) or rectum.



## Types of Screening Tests

Colorectal Cancer can be prevented or detected early and with little discomfort by using a combination of several procedures:

- **Colonoscopy**  
Uses a flexible, hollow, lighted tube called a colonoscope to view the entire colon for the presence of cancer or polyps. A mild sedative is given with this procedure.
- **Flexible Sigmoidoscopy**  
Uses a flexible, hollow lighted tube that detects cancer or polyps in the rectum and lower colon.
- **Fecal Occult Blood Test**  
At home procedure that checks stool samples for a sign of blood.
- **Double Contrast Barium Enema**  
An x-ray examination that views the entire colon.

## Who should be screened for colorectal cancer?

- Everyone 50 years and older, and
- People of any age with certain personal or family histories:
  - History of colon cancer, "adenomatous polyps", inflammatory bowel disease, ovarian cancer, or endometrial cancer
  - Parents, brothers, sisters, or children of people who have had colorectal cancer or adenomatous polyps, or
  - Genetic forms of colon cancer or polyps

## What are the symptoms?

- Blood in stool
- A mass or lump in the abdomen
- Pain or cramps in the abdomen
- Changes in the size of the stool (stool is thinner), constipation

***People with colorectal cancer often do not have symptoms.***

